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◇ MOP, MOP ELEMENT, AND MOP ELEMENT ASSEMBLY

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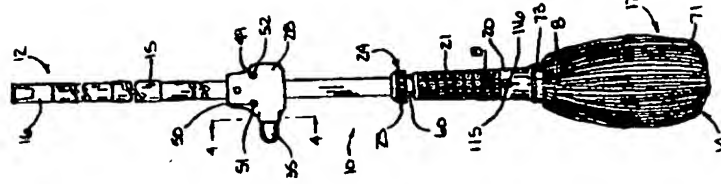
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(57) Disclosed is a mop (10) having an elongate shaft (11), a mop element (17), and an operating member (20) that is axially movable along a portion of the shaft (11) between a range of mopping positions and a latch position. One end portion (67) of the mop element is retained in a fixed position at one end of the shaft, the other end portion (66) of the mop element is retained at one end of the operating member with an intermediate mopping portion (68) formed into a bight (71). In accordance with the invention, the mop includes a latch mechanism for axially retaining the operating member in the latch position. The latch mechanism includes a detent portion (25) and a shoulder portion (24). One portion is fixedly mounted to the shaft and the other is mounted on the operating member. Preferably, the mop is a twist mop

wherein the operating member is relatively rotatable with respect to the shaft. More preferably, the mop includes a ratchet mechanism for releasably restricting relative rotation of the operating member and shaft to one direction of rotation.



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